

Dear Virginia,

Thank you very much for the letter and was glad to hear from you and sorry to hear about Richard but we all know that this is the plan that the Lord set out for all of us and we must accept it.

About 2 months ago I received from another POW, who was also in Annaburg when Richard and I were there, a group picture and Richard was in the picture, but as it was a copy of a copy it was not clear but knowing Richard as I did I could pick him out of the group and strange as it may be I could recognize a lot of the faces but was having some trouble in placing names with the faces. I wrote to this person and have asked him to make me a photo of the picture and will send it to you but I realize that you may have the picture in your possession at the present. These things take a lot of time and I do consider that most of us are reaching the age when an afternoon nap is the most important thing to do.

Just a little bit of history: When at Obermassfeld I had little to do so when I was given paper to write a letter home I wrote the letter and then copied it into a little note book. I am including these letters as copied in my book which is now at the printers. Just reviewed the manuscript and on a letter to my wife dated 3/25/1944 I commented that Richard Daniels and I were playing chess and that he was a good friend of one William Hilton and Leon Musselwhite. I said this so she could write to the two above fellows who were still at the 369th base in England and they could let Headquarters know that Richard was a POW and they in turn could let his wife know. (And if my memory is still good he talked of his wife). Again in a letter of 4/5/1944 I mentioned his name again to my wife.

I am sending you a copy of the Repat. Order #1 for it is the only item that I have that mentions Richard's name.

MY book that I have just written is scheduled to arrive from the printers the latter part of January and in it are pictures of the building in Obermassfeld, Meiningen and Annaburg so will let you know when the book is here.

I had a client in Santa Rosa at one time and spent many days and nights there as well as at Sea Ranch as far back as 1970, but that is life.

I trust that this does not bring back sad memories for you but my wife felt that you may like to know of these few moments in our lives while overseas.

My very best regards to you and yours and may the blessings of the Lord be with you always.

Sincerely,

